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Remarks

Prior to Examination of the present application, please enter the first Preliminary Amendment, submitted on January 11, 2002 and the Third Preliminary Amendment, submitted on April 17, 2002.

Prior Preliminary Amendments

It is the Applicants' understanding from a telephone conference with Examiner Rawlings that no preliminary amendments have been entered in the present application. Submitted herewith are copies of the first preliminary amendment, submitted on January 11, 2002, the Second Preliminary amendment, submitted on April 10, 2002, and a Third Preliminary Amendment, submitted on April 17, 2002. Also submitted herewith are copies of three return postcards documenting receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of these amendments. Applicants respectfully request entry of the first Preliminary Amendment, submitted on January 11, 2002, and the Third Preliminary Amendment, submitted on April 17, 2002.

It is the Applicants' understanding that the Second Preliminary Amendment, submitted on April 10, 2002, will not be entered for matters of form. Specifically, the claim numbering in the marked-up copy of the claims that accompanied the Second Preliminary Amendment was incorrect. Thus, the Second Preliminary Amendment will be determined to be non-compliant, and will not be entered in the present application.

Fourth Preliminary Amendment

The present Fourth Preliminary Amendment is submitted to replace the Second Preliminary Amendment, which was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 10, 2002. This Fourth Preliminary Amendment correctly numbers the claims, and makes the identical claim amendments as those submitted in the Second Preliminary amendment.

No new matter has been added by the claim amendments. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, and specifically on the pages noted below:

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Claim	Amendment	Support in Specification
1	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
	Variant	Pg. 17, line 35
	Conservative substitution	Pg. 18, lines 14-25
2	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
	Variant	Pg. 17, line 35
	Conservative substitution	Pg. 18, lines 14-25
3	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
	Variant	Pg. 17, line 35
	Conservative substitution	Pg. 18, lines 14-25
4	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
5	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
6	Changed dependency to claim 1	Pg. 41 line 16-pg. 42, line 9
7	Canceled	
8	Canceled	
9	Canceled	
10	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	Changed dependency to claim 1	Claim 1 as originally filed
11	Canceled	
12	Canceled	
13	Canceled	·
14	Canceled	
15	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	Amendment of form	
16	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	Amendment of form	
	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
	Variant	Pg. 17, line 35
	Conservative substitution	Pg. 18, lines 14-25
17	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	Amendment of form	
	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
	Variant	Pg. 17, line 35
	Conservative substitution	Pg. 18, lines 14-25
18	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
19	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9

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20	Specified that method is for eliciting	Pg. 28, line 1 to pg. 33, line 10
-	immune response	
	Expression vector	Pg. 20, line 30 - 32
	Changed dependency to claim 1	Claim 1 as originally filed
	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32
	Thereby eliciting an immune response	Amendment of form
21	Canceled	
22	Canceled	
23	Canceled	
24	Amendment of form	
25	Amendment of form	
26	At risk for developing	Specifying subject identity (pg. 28,
20	At lisk for developing	lines 19-21)
27	Amendment of form	tinos (7 2x)
21	Sensitized with antigen presenting cells	Pg 31, lines 26-31
	pulsed with a polypeptide	1 g 51, 11165 20-51
	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
	Variant	Pg. 17, line 35
	Conservative substitution	Pg. 18, lines 14-25
20	Amendment of form	1g. 16, Inics 14-23
28	SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
29	i	Pg. 17, line 35
	Variant	Pg. 18, lines 14-25
20	Conservative substitution	rg. 16, times 14-25
30	Amendment of form	Pg. 19 lines 26 32
3.1	Substantially purified	Pg. 18, lines 26-32 Pg. 7, line 6
31	SEQ ID NO: 13	Pg. 20, line 6
	Degenerate version	Pg. 20, line 0
32	Method of eliciting immune response	Pg. 28, line 1 – pg 33, line 10 Pg. 28, lines 19-21
	Composition	Claim 15 as originally filed
	Changed dependency to claim 15	
33	Method of eliciting an immune response	Pg. 28, line 1 – pg 33, line 10
	comprising administering a composition	China 15 as saistante filos
	Changed dependency to claim 15	Claim 15 as originally filed
34	Cytotoxic T lymphocytes	Pg. 16, lines 11-12
35	Cytotoxic T cells	Pg. 16, lines 11-12
36	In a subject	Pg. 40, lines 28-30, describing
		samples taken from a subject
	Detecting hybridization of a probe	Pg. 41, lines 1-4
	Sample	Pg. 40, lines 28-30.
	Polypeptide of claim 1	Claim I as originally filed
	Hybridization indicates cancer	Pg. 41, lines 5-6
37	Original	
38	Original	
39	Original	
40	Amendment of form	
41	Hybridization is detected in a sample	Pg. 39, line 23 – pg. 41, line 14

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	comprising a cell of the subject	
42	Hybridization is detected in a sample comprising a cell of the subject	Pg. 39, line 23 - pg. 41, line 14
43	Polypeptide of claim 1	Claim 1 as originally filed
44	Protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 14	Pg. 7, line 9
	Nucleic acid of claim 10	Claim 10 as originally filed
	Nucleic acid of claim 10	Claim 10 as originally filed
	Operatively linked to a promoter	Pg. 20, line 16-24

New claims

Claims 45-55 are added by this amendment. Support for these claims in the specification as filed may be found as follows:

Claim	Amendment	Support in Specification
45	Part of original claim 1, divided out	Claim 1 as originally filed
46	Part of original claim 10, divided out and substituting the sequence identifier, SEQ ID NO: 13	Claim 10 as originally filed, Pg. 7, line 6
47	Part of original claim 15, divided out	Claim 15 as originally filed
48	Derivation of cell from subject and returning cell as active immunization	Page 27, lines 24-34 and claims 36 and 39 as originally filed
49	Method of detecting cancer in a female	Pg. 39, line 23 – pg. 41, line 14
50	Method of detecting cancer in a subject	Pg. 39, line 23 – pg. 41, line 14
51	Method of detecting cancer in a male	Pg. 39, line 23 – pg. 41, line 14
52	Method of detecting cancer in a female	Pg. 39, line 23 – pg. 41, line 14
53	Detection in a lymph node cell	Pg. 40, lines 28-30.
54	Detection in a breast biopsy cell	Pg. 40, lines 28-30.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

If any minor matters remain to be discussed prior to substantive examination, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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